

Beyond2015

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Your excellences,

Distinguished delegates,

Dear colleagues,

I want to focus my intervention on an essential element to the post-2015 means of implementation and global partnership for sustainable development and it is “**people’s participation**”.

We must consider people’s participation as a strategic means of implementation for this new, people-centered framework.

We expect to see Member States committing **to implement the post-2015 agenda with the full participation of people and their organisations**, including the most marginalized and vulnerable, thus providing a venue for the full integration of the human-rights approach in policy-making, monitoring and accountability.

Member States must recognise **transparency and accessibility of data and information as a cross-cutting systemic issue and a principle applying to all aspects of both FfD and post-2015**. Without transparency in all aspects of financing for sustainable development, participation and accountability to people is not possible, systems become less effective, and impacts of investments on the poorest cannot be measured.

Therefore, the post-2015 agenda must include a clear commitment to **increasing people’s ability to effectively and meaningfully participate in and contribute to policy choices**, as well as to hold governments and other actors accountable. To do so, Member States must also commit to establishing an **enabling environment** - including in legislation, policy and practice and consistent with international human rights standards - for people and their organisations to carry out their crucial roles as independent development actors in their own right.

Additionally, the Mols must incorporate approaches that **tackle the discriminatory social norms and practices that continue to subordinate women and girls** in public and private life, and exclude them from the realisation of their rights. We also hope that volunteerism will be recognized as a powerful and cross-cutting means for the implementation of the post-2015 agenda.

People must be part of the **Global Partnership for Sustainable Development and we call upon Member States to make this clear in the outcome document**. We have been calling for ambition in the setting of the agenda. We are ready to be a partner in the implementation of this ambition. Thank you